



Fifth Sunday of the Fast: Saint Mary of Egypt

The memory of this Saint is celebrated on April 1, where her life is recorded. Since the end of the holy Forty Days is drawing nigh, it has been appointed for this day also, so that if we think it hard to practice a little abstinence forty days, we might be roused by the heroism of her who fasted in the wilderness forty-seven years; and also that the great loving-kindness of God, and His readiness to receive the repentant, might be demonstrated in very deed.

The Resurrection Dismissal Hymn and Kontakion of the Tone of the Week

Dismissal Hymn. Plagal of Fourth Tone

IN thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passeth away, but to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Mary, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.

Kontakion. Fourth Tone
Thou Who wast raised up

HAVING escaped the gloom of sin, O blest Mary, * and shining brightly with the light of repentance, thou didst present thy heart to Christ, O glorious one, * bringing Him His holy and * all-immaculate Mother * as a greatly merciful * and most bold intercessor. * Hence, thou hast found the pardon of thy sins * and with the angels rejoicest for evermore.

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